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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

STR:

Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time for the time period for responding to the Office action dated October 20, 2006 to April 20, 2007. The extension of time in the instant application is being requested for the purpose of establishing copendency with divisional patent application serial no. 11/676,904 filed on February 20, 2007. Upon grant of this petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is authorized to expressly abandon the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

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